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Fourth of July Outing.

The deaf of Seattle and vicinity will celebrate Independence Day at the Exposition grounds, on Monday, July 5th. In order to give all an opportunity to see as much of the fair as possible, it has been decided not to have any games or extended exercises. But all are requested to meet at the Washington State building at 11 o'clock for an hour's social greeting to meet friends. Then we will lunch in small parties in the park and groves south of the Cascades and just north of the railroad crossing on Rainier Avenue. Bring your own lunch. Parties who do not bring lunch can get meals on the grounds at city prices. After lunch all can see the fair as they please. No attempt will be made to keep together, but the Washington State building will be headquarters all day, till it closes at 6 p. m., and all desiring to meet friends had better make appointments to meet them there. The Washington State building is east of the Cascades, opposite the Forestry and the Oregon buildings, all three of which face a circle with a band stand in the center. You can easily find the Forestry building, a brown building built of big trees with the bark left on. Then the Washington State building is opposite, and has the name in gilt letters over the front portico.

It is believed that this arrangement will best suit all concerned. Both the deaf at home and visitors need all the time they can spare to see the Fair, especially as the principal buildings are closed evenings and Sundays. We can have a picnic and games any time, but we may not have another exposition like this in a lifetime.

P. S.—Owing to probable crowds at the Washington State building in connection with other features on July 5th, it may be necessary to change the place of meeting of the deaf. If the building is crowded, we will meet in the circle in front of the building, enclosed by the Forestry building, the Oregon building and the Washington building, marked Nos. 20, 21 and 22 on the official map. All who expect to attend are requested to come to the meeting at Labor Temple, corner Sixth and University, at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, July 4th, when full explanations and details will be given. And if you are unable to find your friends at the Fair, don't let that interfere with your pleasures, but enjoy the Fair itself, as that will be the main attraction anyway.

A PRAYER.

My Father, if it be Thy will
This boon should come to me,
I shall receive it from Thine hand,
And thank Thee heartily.
But if in love and tenderness
Thou must to me deny,
Help me in sweet submissiveness
All quietly to lie.

Fold Thou within Thine sheltering arm
My little ones and me.
Help me to show them that Thy love
Their sure refuge will be.
In this rich flood of happiness
That warmly round us lies,
Let us remember still that home
Which waits us in the skies.

So let us shape our little lives
That they may truly be
In tune with that supreme design
Which made the land and sea,
For though Thy world is beautiful
And strongly doth beguile,
Yet can no heart find happiness
Without our Father's smile.
—Agatha Tiegel Hanson, in the Silent Worker.

A PLEASANT PARTY.

Last Saturday evening there was a very pleasant gathering at the Wrights' in honor of their guest, Miss Dickson. About twenty guests were present. Miss Elsie Peterson, who has just completed the course at Vancouver, represented the sweet girl graduate. Some pleasant games were enjoyed, at one of which forfeits were taken. Then mine host Mr. Wright, demonstrated the versatility of his imagination by devising many amusing penalties to be undergone before forfeited articles were returned to their owners. He incidentally made the crowd happy by devising a very funny penalty for the recovery of a knife. The said knife proved to be his own, and his guests watched his performance of that penalty with keen interest. Bountiful refreshments were served, and it was a pleased crowd that finally made for the cars for home. Before all dispersed Mr. Roy Harris entertained them with some fancy dancing.

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Tacoma News.

Mr. Lindstrom is back in Tacoma. He has resumed his former position in the office of Heath, the architect.

Miss Burnett is home from school and is living with her sister in Tacoma.

Miss Seigel's uncle and aunt had to shorten their stay on the Coast an account of the latter's health.

Mr. Chas. Walker has returned to his home in Dayton, Wash.

Mr. Bender reports having had the time of his life at the Vancouver convention. He is also showing some snapshots taken there. While few in number, they are exceptionally fine in quality.

Mrs. Minnick, mother of Albert and Otha Minnick, is reported as being dangerously ill at one of the city hospitals. It is an anxious time for her children, also for all of us who know her and hold for her a kind regard. Her speedy recovery is hoped for.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade had "br'er rabbit" for dinner the other day.

The Wades' new house is about completed. It would be quite so had the plasterer not kept them waiting so long. Mrs. W. is getting impatient to move into her new house so she can turn the old one over to undisputed possession of the birds, domestic and wild(?) When Mr. Wade first built the old house, a year or so ago, he thought it would not be complete without a bird house at one end under the eaves. After one bird house was installed he made another for the other end. It is safe to say he would have made more bird houses had he known where to put them. In the spring he anxiously watched and waited for tenants. Every day or so he would set a ladder against the house and climb up to investigate. That was a year ago. This year he is kept busy chasing the birds out of his house. He doesn't dare open the windows for in they would fly. So the whole of the old house is to be a bird house, and as the Wades aren't birds they will have to move out—soon, too. GOSSIP.

TO VISITORS.

Visitors to Seattle are advised on arrival to get a copy of the latest issue of the "Pioneer Pocket Guide," which can be bought at any news stand for 15 cents. It contains a map of the city, a map of the A.-Y.-P. Exposition grounds, steamboat and railroad time tables, list of hotels and boarding houses, places of interest, and a great deal of other useful information.

THE SIGN LANGUAGE.

At a party of about fifty ladies recently Mrs. Hanson rendered in signs the hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," and as an encore, "Abide With Me." She was accompanied by one lady with soft music on the piano, and by another vocally. The rendition was much appreciated by the ladies present. Among them were: Mrs. Lloyd of St. Mark's, the wife of Judge Main, a number of faculty ladies of the University, and other prominent ones. At the close of the program Mrs. Hanson talked to quite a few of them about the sign language, its mission to the deaf in educating them at school, and its value to them in after life. She also tried to make the ladies realize what such a beautiful language must mean to those entirely deprived of sound, and how oral speech could not hold the same place in the hearts of even the few who used it readily and correctly. The oralists have industriously improved every occasion to air their views at Mothers' Clubs and other gatherings of women, and the champions of the sign language must meet them on their own ground and fight them with their own weapons.

It is, therefore, highly desirable that all semi-mute ladies who understand and love the sign language, all alumnae of Gallaudet and other intelligent deaf ladies, should talk as much as possible to their hearing friends and acquaintances on this subject. They will in themselves be potent arguments that the sign language is a desirable thing, for the deaf ladies of America who have been educated by the combined system are a refined and cultivated class.

The hearts of the wives and mothers of our country are in the right place. If many of them are today inclined to favor the oral method, it is because they have heard that side upheld to them and been led to think it the right one. As soon as they have heard our side—the side of the sign language—they will see things in the right light, and oralism will be relegated to its proper place in their conception of the best way to educate the deaf. The importance of getting the women to understand this subject cannot be overestimated, for it is really they who are largely the judges in educational matters. T.

NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf will be held at Labor Temple, corner of Sixth and University, July 4th, at 3 o'clock p. m. This will give the out-of-town deaf a chance to meet the local deaf before attending the annual outing which takes place at the Exposition grounds the 5th.

You are coming to the Exposition—of course you are! Why not come at such a time as to enjoy the annual outing of the local society July 5th?

LETTER FROM MISS CARTER.

The following is the letter which Mr. Root received from Miss Carter, treasurer of the deaf school at Chefoo, China:

School for the Deaf,
Chefoo, China, May 11, 1909.
W. S. Root, Esq., 632 32d Ave., Seattle
Washington.

Dear Mr. Root:—Your letter, enclosing a P. O. order for forty dollars (gold) reached Chefoo a day or so after Mrs. Mills left here for America. She went to Shanghai to take the steamer which takes some few days longer than our steamers, which go direct to Japan. Having this in mind, I mailed your letter to her in care of the steamship office in Yokohama. I hope it reached her before she sailed as she is to land at Seattle, and would be very sorry to miss seeing the friends there who are interested in the school.

I reserved the list of Chinese business men in order to send a post card to each, as you suggested.

Mrs. Mills is making a flying trip and goes on important business for the school. While away she hopes to get the school incorporated and raise something towards the endowment. I hope she will be able to return this autumn. Meanwhile the school will go on with few changes. Under another cover I am mailing you some leaflets containing general information.

Our girls' school now numbers eleven bright little girls who come from seven Provinces. The blind-deaf girl is doing wonderfully well considering her age. Two new boys have recently come to us. One from Swatow, in the Province of Kwang-Tong, the other from Foochow City, in Fokien Province; thus making nine provinces reached by the Chefoo school.

I hope Mrs. Mills will meet the members of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf of Seattle and thank them for their gift, also Mr. Hanson and yourself. Please accept my thanks in behalf of the school. Yours sincerely,
A. E. CARTER.

THE EXPOSITION.

The A.-Y.-P. Exposition is ready as promised and has been practically ready since the opening day, the only exceptions being a few small exhibits here and there. Our reporter went through the buildings the other day. In the Educational building every exhibit was in place save one—that from the School for the Deaf at Vancouver. We are very sorry for this, and do not understand the reason for the delay.

The exhibit was lying in a corner in boxes opened but not unpacked. The space assigned is most conspicuous, opposite the main entrance, and we hope the authorities of the school will have the exhibit put in place without further delay.

Later—The exhibit of the school for deaf has been put in place. The delay was due to a misunderstanding, the authorities of the school supposing that it had been put in place, while, as already stated, it was left in the boxes unpacked for nearly two weeks after the opening of the exposition.

Everybody who visits the Exposition pronounces it a gem, and those who have seen many expositions agree in saying that for beauty of grounds and natural scenery this one is the most beautiful of all.

May we not ask that the leading deaf of the several localities send us the names of some person suitable for correspondent and agent.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Olof Hanson and children left yesterday for Langley, Whidby Island, for a ten days' outing.

Chas. Walker, of Dayton, Wash., was in the city last week. He left for Walla Walla to look for work.

Miss Dickson, one of the teachers at the Salem, Oregon, school, is the guest of Mrs. A. W. Wright for a week or two.

Harry Nutt, formerly a bookkeeper in a London, England, deaf school, is at present employed at Georgetown, a suburb of Seattle.

Claud Hollinger now has a position at the Golden West Bakery. What a chance for some nice girl to get a young man who knows how to bake.

Miss Laura Sampson has secured a position at the Vancouver school as overseer of the girls. She takes the position formerly held by Mrs. W. S. Hunter.

Fred W. Bjorkquest, for the past six years instructor in shoemaking at the Vancouver school, was in town recently. He will spend the summer in the vicinity of Wapato.

Another visitor who is coming to Seattle during the fair is Miss Kathryn Gloeser of St. Paul. She is coming about the middle of July, and will be in Seattle about two months.

Mr. and Mrs. McMechan and Mr. and Mrs. Waugh and daughter were among the crowd on the Yosemite that went to Birmingham last Sunday. Sunburns and wind blisters testify to an outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Waugh and daughter took an automobile ride to Licton Springs last Sunday. They tried the water in the mineral springs, looked at the lots for sale and came home feeling ready to go again.

L. O. Christensen recently had a call from an old California neighbor, Mr. Wm. Degener of Santa Cruz. The gentleman is now in his ninety-second year and is quite well. He came to Seattle to see the Exposition and visit his daughter, Mrs. Agnes McKinnon.

W. S. Root has received an invitation to the closing exercises and alumni reunion of the Rochester, N. Y., school for the deaf. He regrets that distance prevents his attendance. Rochester is one of the most progressive schools of the day.

Misses Elsie Peterson and Georgia McFarland and Masters Willie West, Hawley and Little are home from the Vancouver school. Miss Peterson carries her graduation honors very modestly as we doubt not Miss McFarland will in time to come. Master West is almost a young man and is a chip off the old block.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Charged with passing a forged check for \$40 on the Bank of Burlington John Woolhouse was placed under arrest last Thursday at Lake Whatcom by Detective Logsdon and Patrolman Lee, and Sheriff Stevenson, of Skagit County, came to the city and took the prisoner to Mount Vernon for trial. The forgery, it is alleged, was committed last week, but the local police were not asked to take Woolhouse into custody until this afternoon. Woolhouse is hard of hearing and does not discuss the alleged forgery.

An interesting feature of the case is the fact that Woolhouse has been under the surveillance of the police for four or five days. He came to Bellingham last week and went to the employment office of O. H. Joy on Holly street to secure work. Joy sent him to Sedro-Woolley but he came back. In the meantime information reached the employment office of the alleged forgery, and Joy found a place at Lake Whatcom where Woolhouse could be put to work and kept under surveillance.

When the police were asked by the sheriff of Skagit County to arrest the man there was no difficulty in finding him. Logsdon and Lee went to the lake, where Woolhouse was employed by D. Ferguson, a mill man, and, after waiting a short time, Woolhouse came to the mill and was arrested.

Woolhouse was employed for a while at the Burlington Mill Company's mill at Burlington, but it is alleged that he was discharged. Then, it is charged, he secured one of the blank checks of the company and wrote it out for \$40. According to a letter received at the police station, which was written to O. H. Joy by D. Bennett, secretary of the mill company, Woolhouse went to a restaurant man who cashed the check. The latter went to the Bank of Burlington at noon when a young lady was taking the place of the cashier, and she cashed the check for Woolhouse without question.—Ex.

A carload of cherries from California was sold in New York last week for \$4,144. The car is reported due from Sacramento May 8th, and arrived in New York in good condition.

"MUTE" ARRESTED.

After a silence of fifty-three years, C. E. Vance, a deaf mute, met two pretty girls on C street at Tacoma last week and spoke to them. The girls declared Vance had been for several days following and trying to "mash" them, and in the police court today Vance was fined \$100. Vance's brothers and near neighbors swore in court that Vance was born deaf and has never spoken an intelligible word in his life. The girls, however, allege he approached them in a very gay and lightsome mood and passed the compliments of the day. The judge believed them.—P-I.

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STEADFASTNESS OF PURPOSE.

An address by Olof Hanson at the first convention of the Washington State Association of the Deaf, Vancouver, May 30th, 1909.

(Concluded from last number.)

You will pardon me if I speak at some length about myself and my experience as architect. It is the first time I have done so publicly and I do it, not in a spirit of egotism, but because I believe it will interest you and may be helpful to some, and more particularly because it has a bearing on the subject of my discourse, "Steadfastness of Purpose," which, by the way, was suggested to me by the chairman of the Program Committee.

My choice of architecture as a profession was made while at college in Washington, D. C. After graduating I worked three years in Minneapolis and Omaha; then spent a year traveling and studying in Europe. On my return I secured work on the new buildings for the School for the Deaf at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, and stayed there a year.

Then I returned to my old home in Minnesota to carry out a commission for preparing plans for the North Dakota School for the Deaf, my plans having been adopted in open competition with a number of architects. Mr. Spear, himself deaf, was at that time superintendent of the North Dakota school, and doubtless this fact helped to give the board confidence in a deaf man.

The Minnesota school was to build a new building at the same time and Superintendent Noyes urged the board to award the work to me as an alumnus of the school. The board, however, took a different view and refused to give me the work.

For two or three years I worked as draughtsman in Minneapolis and Duluth. Then came the panic of '93, and building operations were brought practically to a standstill. The school at Faribault, needing a teacher, offered me a position, which I gladly accepted, with the understanding that it was to be only temporary. I remained two years. When business began to revive, I decided to return to my chosen profession and opened an office in Faribault.

It was no easy matter to convince the people that a deaf man could be an architect, and my first building in Faribault did not yield me a single dollar, but the plans were made gratis as an advertisement.

Dr. Noyes was then to retire as superintendent, and to build a residence for himself. He showed his confidence in me by giving me his work. About the same time, through Dr. Gallaudet, president of the College for the Deaf in Washington, D. C., I received a commission to design one of their new buildings. Gradually I secured

other work in Faribault, and as it turned out well, I received more and more orders. These orders were mostly small ones, however, and my aim was to get some large work.

There were three state institutions in Faribault, the School for the Deaf, the School for the Blind and the School for the Feeble Minded, located separately one or two miles apart, but all under one board of directors. More or less building was carried on all the time. To get some of this work was my object.

The board of directors were friendly to me, most of them having known me since boyhood, when I was a pupil in the School for the Deaf, but when it came to business they held back. They were willing to have me as a teacher, my work in that line having been entirely satisfactory to them. But they informed me that they did not think it advisable to encourage me in the hope of expecting anything from them in the way of architectural work.

I kept on, however, with private work, and did fairly well. After two years the superintendent of the School for Feeble Minded, a capable and progressive man, began to take notice of my work, and persuaded the board to give me a trial with a small building. It turned out entirely satisfactory, and led to my receiving more work, so that in four years I received in all sixteen orders, large and small, from this school alone.

The board was now satisfied as to my ability. After six years I had won their complete confidence. Other work also came in and at one time I employed four assistants. At this time I got married. The future looked bright and promising.

But it is the unexpected that happened.

The school received a large appropriation for new buildings, and I had the assurance of the board that I would get the work. But the same Legislature that appropriated this money also created a new State Board of Control to take charge of all state institutions. This board of control took the construction of the new buildings out of the hands of the local board, and appointed a St. Paul architect to do all the state work.

This was my finish. It was a bitter dose to see the fruit of six years patient, earnest work thus suddenly brought to naught.

There was still the private work, it is true, but the town was small and growing but little, and I realized that I must seek a new location.

The opportunity soon came. An architect long established in Mankato, Minn., offered me a partnership, which I accepted and removed there with my family. Business was fairly good and promised better.

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terested in a business proposition in Alaska and decided to remove to Seattle. He desired me to come with him to Seattle, and continue our architectural work there.

I had long wanted to come to the Pacific Coast, but having no friends and limited means, I thought it too risky to move there with my family. But with my partner urging me to come I gladly embraced the opportunity. We opened an office in Seattle and secured some work. But my partner spent most of the time in Alaska, and I being a stranger, it seemed as hard to induce people to employ a deaf man as it had been in Minnesota. As a result of our first year in Seattle the receipts were barely sufficient to pay office rent, let alone living expenses.

My partner was compelled by ill health to retire from active practice, much to my regret, and we decided to close the office. I made arrangements with another architect to assist him in his work on a salary basis, with the understanding that I might also accept work on my own account, and share profits. Under this arrangement I have had steady and remunerative work, and have also carried out some thirty or forty orders on my own account. I have built a home of my own and secured some property besides, all of which has been acquired since I came to Seattle.

I have had several tempting offers to move to other localities, one offer being from Tacoma and two from Bellingham. But Seattle is good enough for me and I expect to stay there.

The superintendents of the various schools for the deaf have been uniformly kind to me and some have assisted me materially. While in Fribault several tried to secure work for me in connection with buildings at their schools, and I entered into competitions for work in several states. This, however, proved a costly business for me, as I did not get the work.

Although in the opinions of the superintendents my plans were the best, the boards of trustees would persist in awarding the work to hearing architects which usually resulted in inferior plans being adopted. In view of my experience with the Minnesota board I am not surprised that the superintendents were unable to induce their boards to award the work to a deaf man.

When the Mississippi school was to be moved to a new location I was asked to submit plans in competition with other architects. Superintendent Dobyms convinced the board that a deaf man might be a capable architect; and my plans were adopted by the board. But the Legislature turned me down. I spent some five hundred dollars in time and money on this competition, but thus far the Legislature has not paid me a cent, though it ordered the work, and the superintendent, the board, and even the governor have urged the justice of my claim to compensation.

As a contrast to this, I was called into consultation and assisted in preliminary work in Hartford, Conn., and in Jacksonville, Ill., and was paid for my services.

In spite of difficulties encountered I feel that I am "making good," and doing as well as I could have done in any other business. A deaf man is apt to encounter more than ordinary difficulties, but steadfast adherence to a fixed purpose will win out.

While much of my experience has been of the up-hill variety, it is gratifying to mention that several with whom I have done business have shown their appreciation by giving me orders again and again. One client in Minnesota, a bank president, has given me three different orders since I came to Seattle, and he does not do it out of any consideration of charity, but simply as a business proposition. Some of my Seattle clients have also

given me repeated orders. All of which shows that, while at first it is difficult for a deaf man to get clients, people are not prejudiced against him when once they know what he can do.

As assistant to a hearing architect I have had charge of the construction end of three buildings costing over \$100,000, besides many smaller ones. Though I have not as yet had large buildings on my own account I hope in time to get such work when I have demonstrated my ability to carry it out successfully.

OPENING DAY.

The opening day at the Exposition was a great success. The total attendance was 90,154, in spite of the rain in the evening. The total attendance at the Portland fair on opening day was only 33,265, and at Jamestown 42,000, so it is seen that the Seattle Exposition attendance is more than the two united.

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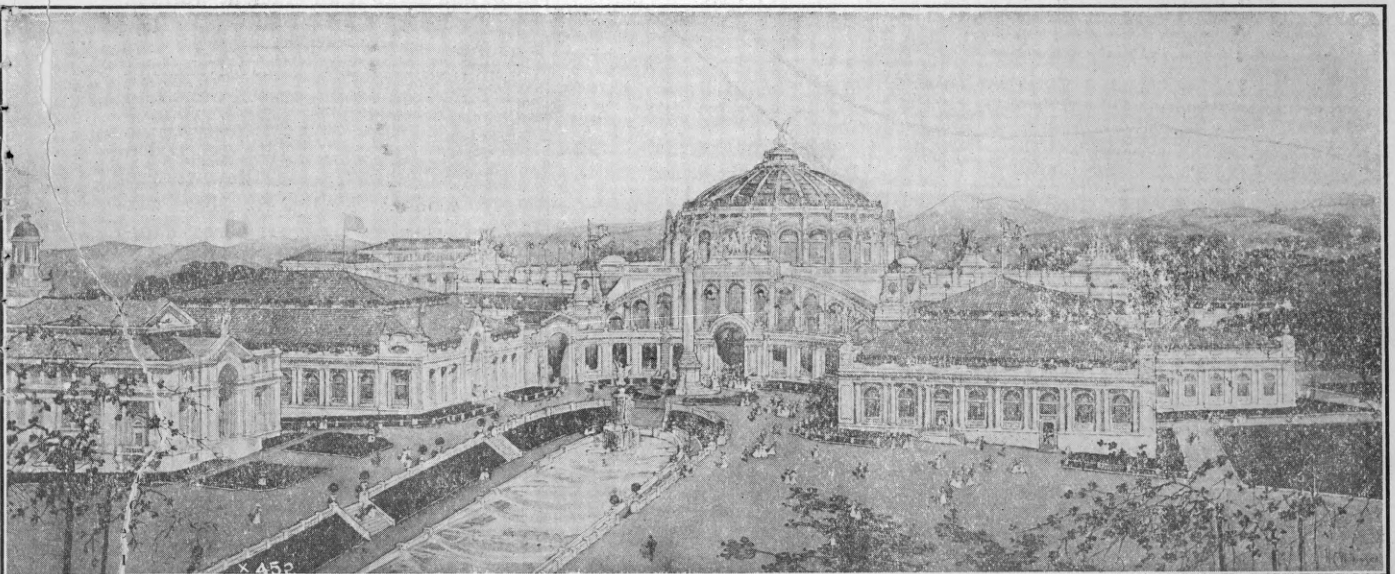
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MR. VEDITZ RESIGNS.

Mr. Veditz has resigned as editor of the Deaf American in consequence of a difference of opinion as to the propriety of certain comments on a deaf minister in the middle west. We regret to see him discontinue his spirited and vigorous contributions to the Deaf American, but understand that he will make the New York Journal the vehicle of his writings hereafter.

RAILROADS AND AUTOMOBILES.

The time-honored warning to deaf mutes to keep off the railroad track should have nailed up beside it the words: "Look out for the automobiles."

Sure! Keep off the railroad track and look out for the automobiles. They are very good things in their way, but like a mule they sometimes work to the contrary.

Dr. Hotchkiss, the alumni editor of the Buff and Blue, is apprehensive that the beauties of the A-Y-P. Exposition will be marred by smoke from forest fires such as occurred when he visited this section in 1884. Many changes have taken place in twenty-five years, among them control of forest fires by an efficient fire patrol, and such fires are now rare and of small extent. Don't make excuses. Come to the Exposition. Everybody who has seen it says it is the most beautiful in the way of grounds and scenery of any exposition ever held.

H.

DR. WILKINSON TO RETIRE.

From an interview published in San Francisco newspapers, it appears likely that Dr. Wilkinson will retire as principal of the California school at the end of the present term. Dr. Wilkinson has been engaged in teaching the deaf for fifty years, has always been in the front rank of educators, and is universally loved and honored by all the deaf who know him. His place will be hard to fill, but we hope a worthy successor may be found.

A CREDIT TO THE SCHOOL.

The last issue of the Deaf Mute Journal was a magnificent illustrated issue, showing the buildings, work shops, cadets, etc., of Fanwood School. The views were clear and showed up plain. Such press work is a credit to any school. We congratulate the deaf of New York City and vicinity on having many fine opportunities that are depicted in this issue of the Journal.

A VETERAN RETIRES.

James Watson has retired from the superintendency of the Idaho School after a service of forty-five years in the profession and Paul Martin, head teacher in the school, a Normal Fellow, and a former teacher in Texas and Washington, has been announced as his successor.

PUGET SOUND RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolutions in favor of individual and local society representations in the N. A. D.

2. Securing the presidency of the N. A. D. for our fellow-townsmen, Olof Hanson.

3. Securing the secretaryship of the N. A. D. for Oscar H. Regensburg.

Gentlemen, I am amazed, grieved and pained! Don't you know that this is machine politics, and don't you know that unless this sort of politics is purged out of the N. A. D. the Association will go to the demnition bow-wows?

Postscript: Skoal for Olof! 'Rah for Reggy! Whoop for Gray! They're all right! There are a few, a very few people who think the writer carries a goodly portion of the Colorado vote in his vest pocket. If they are correct and it is still there in 1910, put it in the Olof-Reggy-Gray column alongside with Washington, Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

Postscript:

Skoal for Olof!
'Rah for Reggy!
Whoop for Gray!

Postscript: This is not machine politics. We are merely whooping things up.—Deaf American.

So are we, but really the ladies of our organization object to being referred to as gentlemen.

The booths west of the Fair grounds are nearly all taken. However, numerous ones are being built.

MR. SPEAR ON THE N. A. D.

The Deaf American has an interesting article from Mr. A. R. Spear in which he urges the deaf to unite and contribute funds to enable the N. A. D. to employ a salaried secretary who can give all his time to the work, and incidentally he proposes to have the Minnesota State Association appropriate \$200 a year toward this end, provided other states will do the same.

If every state had a Spear to stir up things the N. A. D. would soon be a power in the affairs of the deaf. In order to accomplish anything the N. A. D. must have money. How to secure this is worthy of the earnest consideration of all who desire to see the N. A. D. amount to anything. Mr. Hanson's plan in opening membership to local as well as state associations has as its fundamental idea the same object, to arouse interest and raise funds to carry on the work of the National Association. This plan is to permit any deaf person to join the National Association through a local association by paying 25 cents a year to the N. A. D. In return the locals will be entitled to vote by proxy on certain questions in the N. A. D., such as the election of officers, to the extent of one vote for every ten members. This right to vote would be the quid pro con as Mr. Pach would say in return for contributing to the treasury. The amount is so small that no one need hold back from membership in the N. A. D.; the locals through frequent meetings, can easily maintain interest; the number of members and revenues received would depend on the extent to which interest can be aroused. The affairs of the N. A. D. would, as now, be conducted by its leading members, with this important difference that they would have some money with which to carry on the work.

There are many wealthy among the deaf who could give liberally without hurting themselves. We should like to have some one suggest a way to induce them to contribute to the N. A. D. and make it an efficient working organization.

H.

Supt. C. E. White of the Nebraska School retired on the first of June and was succeeded by Mr. Reuben E. Stewart, whom Mr. White succeeded in September, 1907. Mr. Stewart was superintendent for more than six years during his previous term of office.—Deaf Mute Register.

The Civil Service matter is being pretty well aired in the deaf press at present. The Industrial Journal at Delvin, Wis., devoted its last issue entirely to the matter, giving our townsman, Olof Hanson, merited praise and also published a picture of him.

Start now, right, by subscribing for the Northwest Silent Observer.

ITS EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR.

One of the most interesting exhibits in the Educational building will be that of the schools for the deaf and blind at Vancouver, Wash. Thomas P. Clarke, superintendent of the school for the deaf, who was also superintendent of the school for the blind before the recent order segregating the institutions under separate heads, was in Seattle recently supervising the installing of the exhibits from both institutions.

"I am sure the exposition visitors will be amazed at the accomplishments of the blind and deaf," said Mr. Clarke, "and at the thoroughness of our instruction. The exhibit will be a comprehensive one, though I greatly regret that we were disappointed in our efforts to secure an appropriation to enable us to maintain a class of blind pupils and give demonstrations at the exposition."

From the school for the deaf there is an interesting exhibit from the trades department of industrial work. A feature of the exhibit from the leather department will be two complete sets of harness and demonstrations of expert cobbling. From the printing department will be exhibited over fifty samples of high-class job printing, copies of the newspaper that is published bi-weekly by the pupils, and a book that was recently printed and bound for a church guild that has been pronounced exceptionally good. From the carpenter shop of the institution is sent an exhibit that has for its feature a model of Mead hall, a \$25,000 brick building that was erected two years ago. The model was made by David H. Kraus, a pupil from Spokane county, and is characterized by its perfection in detail. There will be exhibited twenty models of frame buildings to demonstrate the thoroughness of the method of teaching at the school for the deaf.

From the literary department of the school for the deaf is a comprehensive exhibit such as would be provided by any school in the state for pupils of like ages. The usual school exercises from the kindergarten to the twelfth grade are shown and a high degree of proficiency is evidenced.

From the school for the blind are exhibits of industrial and literary work that will constitute a revelation to those unfamiliar with the work of blind pupils. Among other accomplishments, the blind are taught to use a typewriter of the conventional make, and every pupil conducts his personal correspondence with the aid of a typewriter. Specimens of their typewriting are included in the exhibit.

Hammocks, cane chair seats, articles of wearing apparel and rugs woven by machine and a vast amount of literary work by the blind are included in the exhibit.—Post-Intelligencer.

A NEW LOCATION.

The Oregon School for the Deaf has secured a new location of about 54 acres adjoining the city limits of Salem, within easy reach of car lines and with city water and sewer connections. Here the new school will be built. Hitherto it has been seven miles out in the country, and subject

to many inconveniences that will no longer exist.

An attempt was made in Iowa to secure the passage of a bill by the legislature requiring the calling of an interpreter in court cases where a deaf person was involved. A bill to that effect was laid before the speaker of the Assembly and he referred it to the Attorney-General. The latter ruled that it was unnecessary, inasmuch as the law already provides that an interpreter must be furnished for persons who are unable to speak or write the English language, and he holds that this law covers the case of the deaf also. A few years ago the Minnesota Association of the Deaf secured the enactment of a law requiring that when a deaf person is examined on the question of his sanity, an interpreter familiar with the sign-language must be called. No occasion has as yet arisen for the invocation of this law.—Minnesota Companion.

PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORD. R.

In making up the last number of the paper, the misplacing of a dash makes it appear as if President Taft's executive order was addressed to Mr. Hanson, which of course is not the case. Mr. Hanson claims no credit whatever in connection with this order. The paragraph should have appeared thus:

The Executive Order of December 1, 1908, in regard to the admission of deaf mutes to Civil Service examinations is amended to read as follows:

Deaf mutes may be admitted to examinations for all places in the classified Civil Service of the United States whose duties in the opinion of the heads of the several Executive Departments they may be considered capable of performing, and each department will furnish to the Civil Service Commission a list of such positions, which list shall not be changed without previous notice to the commission and in accordance with which the commission shall certify or withhold from certification deaf mutes as they are reached in their order.

WM. H. TAFT.

The White House,
April 7, 1909.

No. 1060.

CANDIDATE FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Mr. B. R. Allabough, who for many years has been a lay reader at St. Margaret's Mission in Pittsburg, is a candidate for holy orders in the Episcopal church, and will make his preparations under the direction of Rev. A. W. Mann, who has charge of this diocese. Mr. Allabough is a graduate of Gallaudet College, and at present is president of the alumni association. He has been connected with our school for a long time, and he has a host of friends all over the country who will wish him God-speed in his new profession.—Western Pennsylvanian.

The crowds at the Fair will double in July and thrice in August and September.

MR. HANSON IS THE MAN.

I think I see signs that the deaf are waking up. I think I see beams of golden light streaming, here and there, above the horizon that signals the approaching day. I think the educated deaf people of this country are slowly coming into a realization of the fact that in union lies strength. I think that the National Association of the Deaf is coming into the knowledge of its true mission. For nearly six years now, a strong, firm hand has guided it and helped to weld it and shape it and make it a power. Shall we carry on the work and make it great and strong? Or, shall we quarrel and bicker among ourselves and thus weaken the only force we have for giving effect to our unity? Shall we let personal ambition or personal spite blind us to the plain duty that lies before us? Shall we go forward or backward? As for me, I will not turn back.

I have suggested Mr. Olof Hanson for next president of the Association because I believe him to be, at this time, the best equipped man for the place. I do not know of a better man. Does any one know of a better man? I appeal to the deaf to consider what is at stake and put aside personal feeling. The interests of the deaf are greater than the interests of any individual. Dozens are worthy of the honor. But that is not the point. The great duty of the deaf is to put at the head the man, among all the worthy, who is best qualified to guide the Association and bring it into the clear light of its true mission, and make it a real power for the advancement of the cause of the deaf, fearing nothing and guided by a clear sense of justice and right.

I believe Mr. Hanson is the man.

That is why I support Mr. Hanson.
—A. R. Spear, in the Deaf American.

DEAF WRESTLER.

James Meagher, the Gym's great little wrestler, bade goodby to the amateur ranks by winning the state 135-pound championship from Gabel, the great Turner champion, May 22. The match, which lasted over an hour, was pronounced one of the most scientific ever seen around these parts. Meagher now holds all Kentucky and Ohio amateur titles from 118 to 135 pounds.

The Enquirer says: "Meagher, a veteran of numerous A. A. U. championships, and who twice successfully defended America's colors in dual meets with the Canadian champions, took a big risk in going on. His arm, bitten by a stray canine a week previously, developed symptoms of blood-poisoning, and he appeared with yards of tape wrapped around it, greatly hampering his movements. While not out of danger, he is training hard for the Kentucky state professional featherweight championship on the 29th."—Cincinnati Correspondent of the Deaf American.

We knew Meagher when a student at the Rochester school. He is small, but oh! my. Besides being a wrestler he is a literary writer of marked ability, both in poetry and prose.

ECHOES OF THE CONVENTION.

The school building looked like a summer hotel during the convention. If Superintendent and Mrs. Clarke desire any recommendations they can have one not only as capable of conducting a school for the deaf, but also as fully competent to manage a first-class hotel.

Mrs. Clarke's mastery of the sign language was a surprise to many of those present. Although her two short addresses from the platform were made impromptu, the rendering showed a poetic feeling and a power of expressing it in signs that is not often seen. If all oral teachers could use signs as she does, there would be less antagonism between the oral method and the combined system.

The graceful rendering of hymns in the sign language by some of the young ladies showed careful training and indicates that the sign language in this school at least is not consigned to innocuous desuetude.

A study of the examination papers of some of the younger oral classes shows that the mental development of the children is not allowed to suffer. We wish that parents having deaf children might visit the school while in session and believe they will find that the instruction given in speech and lipreading, as well as mental development, and moral training, are as good as given anywhere.

Although those who attended the convention were mostly strangers to one another, they quickly became acquainted and fraternized like old friends. There were many very nice people. All were well dressed and presented a neat appearance that would be a credit to any gathering of people, deaf or hearing.

The ball game between Oregon and Washington was very interesting. The pitchers, Mr. Hunter for Washington, and Mr. Lawrence for Oregon, were well matched. Mr. Bjorkquest as umpire gave general satisfaction. Roy Harris held down first base like a professional. As already reported, the game resulted in favor of Washington by a score of 6 to 4.

GET HOLD OF HIM.

When you visit the Exposition you will be at once impressed with the greatness of Seattle. You will want to know more of the city—how in a few years it has sprung from a mere hamlet to one of the leading cities of the country.

The man to tell you of Seattle's past history is John E. Gustin, one of our longest resident deaf. He can tell you when the University vicinity was a dense forest and to reach that vicinity one had to cross Lake Union in a boat.

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AFTER THOUGHTS.

Now that the convention is over and the excitement attending the same has cooled down, we can now quietly consider the work done.

We believe a good start was made, and are glad that so many of the Observer's ideas were adopted.

The resolutions endorsing Olof Hanson for president of the National Association of the Deaf have the true ring and we believe reflect the sentiment of the deaf of the State.

Phil L. Axling, our state president, always aims a little higher and under his government may we all advance. L. A. Divine, the first vice-president, always divines just what is wanted and acts accordingly. T. L. Lindstrom, the second vice-president, has a merry smile that will at any time soothe warring elements. Of Mr. Schneider, the secretary, we only know that he is a printer and all printers are great men. J. B. Bixler, the treasurer, is as honest as the day is long—we mean a summer day of course, not an Alaska winter day.

The proposal to save money toward a home for elderly deaf is worthy, although it will be some years before such a place can be established in this state.

For the recognition given the Observer—in being made the state organ—we extend hearty thanks, and ask all members to send us notes of interest to the deaf.

Old patrolmen will do duty at the Exposition, while new men will be stationed in the residential districts.

HOW TO SECURE INFORMATION

We take it for granted that every person has his or her hobby, and when they reach Seattle they will want to learn all they can of their specialty. With this thought in view we have compiled the following, showing to whom to refer for information on various subjects:

Building and Education—Olof Hanson.

Real Estate and Printing—A. W. Wright.

History—John E. Gustin.

Hotels and Restaurants—L. O. Christensen.

Alaska Gold Mining—Alfred Waugh.

Fishing and Bear Hunting—Roy Harris.

Navy Yard—Clarence McConnell.

Steamer Trips—Rudy Stuht.

Politics—August Koberstein.

Young Ladies and the Parks—Albert Hole.

Exposition and Pay Streak—Edmund Langdon.

Tailoring—Otto Cedergren.

Shoemaking—Fred Emmons.

Our Suburbs—John Adams.

Melvin Lien, a deaf-mute 21 years old, starts to walk this afternoon from South Boston to the Chicago city hall. He will begin the trip without a cent in his pocket and is not to take a cent of charity during the journey. If all goes well on his trip to Chicago Lien intends to go on to San Francisco, and then, if able to get work on a ship, to cross the world and earning his way back across the Atlantic to Boston.—Chicago Tribune.

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